

WIC SECTION 5600.3 CRITERIA

The Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5600.3 defines Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) as a minor under the age of 18 years who has a mental disorder as identified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the Mental Disorders, other than a primary substance use disorder, or developmental disorder, which results in behavior inappropriate to the child's age according to expected developmental norms. Members of this target population shall meet one or more of criteria A, B, or C:

A. As a result of the mental disorder the child has substantial impairment in at least two of the following areas:

- Self care
- Family relationships
- School functioning
- The ability to function in the community

and either the child is at risk of removal from home or has already been removed from the home, **or** the mental disorder and impairments have been present for more than six months or likely to continue for more than one year without treatment.

B. The child displays one of the following:

- Psychotic features
- Risk of suicide or
- Risk of violence to others due to a mental disorder.

C. The child meets special education eligibility requirements under Chapter 26.5 (commencing with Section 7570) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

Exclude Diagnosis

The following diagnoses are excluded from mental health services under WIC SED as a primary diagnoses:

- ◆ Mental Retardation
- ◆ Sexual Dysfunctions
- ◆ Learning Disorder
- ◆ Motor Skills Disorders
- ◆ Antisocial Personality Disorder
- ◆ Delirium, Dementia, and Amnesic and Other Cognitive Disorders
- ◆ Mental Disorders Due to a General Medical Condition
- ◆ Sleep Disorders
- ◆ Communication Disorders
- ◆ Autistic Disorders
- ◆ Tic Disorders
- ◆ Substance Use Related Disorders